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SUBJ: DRV DELEGATION IN BANGKOK

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A 13-MAN DRV DELEGATION ARRIVED IN BANGKOK MAY 21. DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PHAN HIEN HEADS THE DELEGATION AND HIS DEPUTY IS VU HOANG, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, NUMBER THREE MAN ON THE LIST IN LAI NGOC NHIEU, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THE OTHER 10 OFFICIALS ARE: DANG NGHIEM BAI, HOANG MINH, NGUYEN DINH PHUONG, PHAM DINH THAI, LE VAN LUONG, PHUNG CONG BACH, TRAN VAN TU, LE VAN TIEP, LE VAN CA, AND NGUYEN VAN CAN. A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT THE MEETINGS WOULD EXTEND THROUGH AT LEAST MAY 23. THE FBIS REFERENCE SUMMARIZES THE ARRIVAL STATEMENT OF THE HEAD OF THE DELEGATION. FOLLOWING IS A COMPLETE TEXT.

BEGIN TEXT. WE HAVE NOW ARRIVED IN BANGKOK, THE CAPITAL OF BEAUTIFUL THAILAND, TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE THAI GOVERNMENT THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

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TION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

FIRST OF ALL, ON BEHALF OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM, I WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY OUR WARMEST GREETINGS OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TO THE THAI PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE HAVE GREAT AFFECTION. VIET NAM AND THAILAND ARE TWO CLOSE NEIGHBORS. ENDOWED WITH GLORIOUS TRADITIONS OF BUILDING AND DEFENDING THEIR COUNTRIES, THE VIETNAMESE AND THE THAI PEOPLES HAVE HAD THROUGHOUT THEIR HISTORY LONG-STANDING RELATIONS WITH EACH OTHER.

AT PRESENT, THE U.S. WAR OF AGGRESSION IN VIET NAM HAS ENDED IN COMPLETE DEFEAT. FROM SOUTH TO NORTH, THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE HAVE WON COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM. THE TREND FOR PEACE, INDEPENDENCE, AND NEUTRALITY IS STRONGLY DEVELOPING IN MANY SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES. THE PEOPLE THERE ARE RESOLUTELY STRUGGLING FOR THE U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM THEIR COUNTRIES AND FOR THE U.S. NON-INTERFERENCE IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS. THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE FULLY SUPPORT THEIR THAI FRIENDS' STRUGGLE OVER RECENT DAYS AGAINST THE U.S. DELIBERATE USE OF THAI TERRITORY IN STAGING EXTREMELY SERIOUS ACTS OF WAR AGAINST CAMBODIA, FOR THE DEFENSE OF THAI INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY. IN OUR VIEW, IN THE PRESENT SITUATION, CONDITIONS ARE NOW FAVORABLE FOR NEGOTIATIONS TO NORMALIZE THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM AND THAILAND. THIS IS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE VIETNAMESE AND THE THAI PEOPLES' ASPIRATIONS AND SENTIMENTS, AND BENEFICIAL TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE, INDEPENDENCE, AND FRIENDSHIP OF ALL NATIONS. THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE DEEPLY CHERISH PEACE, INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM. IT IS OUR POLICY TO PERMANENTLY TIGHTEN THE SOLIDARITY AND FRIENDSHIP WITH ALL NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, TO WIN AND PRESERVE NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, TO CONSOLIDATE SOVEREIGNTY, AND TO OPPOSE ALL THE SCHEMES AND MANEUVERS OF IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM AND NEO-COLONIALISM.

WE COME HERE WITH SERIOUS INTENT AND GOODWILL. IF THE THAI GOVERNMENT ADOPTS THE SAME ATTITUDE, THE NEGOTIATION WILL ACHIEVE GOOD RESULTS.

ON THIS OCCASION, ALLOW US TO CONVEY THE BEST AND THOUGHTFUL REGARDS OF PRESIDENT TON DUC THANG, OF THE PARTY AND STATE LEADERS OF VIET NAM, AND THE WARMEST FEELINGS OF AFFECTION OF THE 45 MILLIONS OF VIETNAMESE IN BOTH SOUTH AND NORTH VIET NAM TO ALL OUR VIETNAMESE FELLOW COUNTRYMEN, THE DEAR SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF

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VIET NAM WHO HAVE BEEN RESIDING AND EARNING THEIR LIVELIHOOD IN THAILAND. THE PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY HAVE CONSTANTLY FOLLOWED YOUR ACTIVITIES TO DEFEND YOUR LEGITIMATE INTERESTS. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM HAS ENERGETICALLY PROTESTED AND CONDEMNED ALL THE ENCROACHMENTS ON THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF VIETNAMESE NATIONALS.

FINALLY, I SINCERELY THANK YOU ALL, LADIES, GENTLEMEN AND

FRIENDS FOR HAVING WARMLY WELCOMED US TODAY.

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